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"I don't think they're ready to negotiate," Trump told reporters.

North Korea fired what appeared to be two short-range missiles on Thursday in its second such test in less than a week, and the United States announced it had seized a North Korean cargo ship as tensions again mounted between the two countries.

President Donald Trump said "nobody is happy" at the missile launches, which South Korea said were likely a protest by Pyongyang against Trump refusing to ease economic sanctions on the North.

The United States has given no sign of willingness to budge on sanctions and on Thursday the Justice Department announced the seizure of a North Korean cargo vessel it said was involved in the illicit shipping of coal.

North Korea has effectively pulled back from engagement with Washington since a summit between leader Kim Jong-un and Trump in February fell apart without agreement on U.S. demands for the dismantling of Pyongyang's nuclear program and Kim's demands for relief from punishing sanctions.

"The relationship continues ... I know they want to negotiate,

they're talking about negotiating. But I don't think they're ready to negotiate," Trump told reporters at the White House on Thursday.

Less than a week ago,

"North Korea seemed to be discontented it could not reach a deal in Hanoi."

South Korea President Moon Jae-in

Kim oversaw the test-firing of multiple rockets and a missile and the latest tests coincided with a visit to the South Korean capital by U.S. special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun.

The two missiles fired on Thursday went east from the northwestern area of Kusong, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

They covered distances of 420 km (260 miles) and 270 km (168 miles) and reached an altitude of about 50 km (30 miles) before falling into the sea, they said.

Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Eastburn said: "We're aware of the reports and monitoring."

"North Korea seemed to be discontented it could not reach a deal



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in Hanoi," South Korea's President Moon Jae-in told South Korean broadcaster KBS, referring to the summit in Hanoi with Trump.

South Korea's Moon said that even if the missiles fired on Thursday were short-range, they could still violate U.N. resolutions barring North Korea from developing its ballistic missile force.

Even so, Moon said he saw the tests as a sign that North Korea wanted to negotiate, and said he planned to push for a fourth inter-Korean sum-

mit with Kim.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who earlier cut short a European trip to return to Washington for meetings on the launches, a senior U.S. State Department official said.

Pompeo was due to meet on Thursday with Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, who is expected to raise Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's hopes to set up a summit with Kim.

WEEKEND TESTS

Analysts said it was too soon to say exactly what kind of missiles were involved in the latest launches, but the range would probably exceed that of most of the rockets North Korea fired on Saturday from its east coast into the ocean.

"North Korea has returned to its classic escalation tactics from before," said Yang Uk, a senior research fellow at the Korea Defence and Security Forum. "I believe they will keep escalating by using what

appear to be short-range missiles, something that will not cause the U.S. to react right away."

Harry Kazianis, of Washington's Center for the National Interest think tank, said the new launches could only worsen tensions.

"While this recent launch of short-range missiles does not violate Pyongyang's promise to halt longer-range tests, North Korea has now made it clear it will not halt developing other parts of its military capabilities that threaten the region," he said. **REUTERS**

NYC fake heiress sentenced to up to 12 years in prison

2 A German woman who posed as a wealthy heiress to scam boutique New York hotels and fashionable friends was sentenced to four to 12 years in prison on Thursday after a jury in state court found her guilty of fraud last month. Anna Sorokin, 28, faced up to 15 years in prison on her conviction of charges stemming from multiple acts of glamorous grifting in 2016 and 2017. Born in Russia before moving to Germany as a teenager

with her family, she was better known to her Manhattan friends as Anna Delvey, a would-be socialite dressed in expensive clothes whose credit cards came back declined with unnerving frequency despite her talk of having a trust fund. Prosecutors in the Manhattan district attorney's office said Sorokin defrauded others of about \$275,000 while pretending she had 60 million euros (\$67 million) in assets.

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'Mafia-style' attack wounds Argentine pol, kills aide

3 An Argentine lawmaker was wounded on Thursday and an aide was killed in a shooting about a block from the National Congress in downtown Buenos Aires, in what the country's security minister described as a "mafia-style" attack. Two attackers shot at Congressman Hector Olivares and his adviser, Miguel Yadon, in early on Thursday. Yadon died at the scene and Olivares was in "serious condi-

tion" after undergoing surgery at a Buenos Aires hospital, officials said. "There is progress in the investigation. We believe the objective was Yadon, and they didn't want to kill [Olivares]," Security Minister Patricia Bullrich said at a press conference. Olivares is from the northern province of La Rioja. Bullrich rolled surveillance video of the attack, which appeared to show Yadon and Olivares fall to the ground after being shot. **REUTERS**

Amazon's Bezos unveils 'Blue Moon' lander mockup

4 Billionaire entrepreneur Jeff Bezos, founder of rocket company Blue Origin, unveiled on Thursday a mockup of a lunar lander spacecraft and discussed missions to the moon in a strategy tailored to the government's renewed push to establish a lunar outpost in just five years. Bezos, the world's richest man, told a rare media event in Washington that the lander, named Blue Moon, could deliver pay-

loads to the moon's surface. Vice President Mike Pence in March called on NASA to build a space platform in lunar orbit and put astronauts on the moon's south pole by 2024 "by any means necessary," four years earlier than previously planned. "I love this," Bezos said of Pence's timeline. "We can help meet that timeline but only because we started three years ago. It's time to go back to the moon, this time to stay." **REUTERS**

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Filmmaker says New York sex cult was front for a 'horrible evil'

Mark Vicente said it took 12 years to leave Nxivm, led by Keith Raniere, who is accused of sex trafficking, after learning of numerous abuses.

A secretive New York group that federal prosecutors say evolved into a sex cult tried to conceal a "horrible evil" behind a facade of self-improvement, a man who spent 12 years in the organization said

Thursday at the group leader's criminal trial.

The man, filmmaker Mark Vicente, is the second witness to testify against Keith Raniere. Raniere is on trial for crimes including sex trafficking for his role run-

ning the secretive upstate New York Nxivm group, where prosecutors said he forced women to have sex with him and in some cases branded his initials on them.

Vicente said he was like many of the

group's members when he joined it 2005, buying into Raniere's pitch of himself as a genius who could help people turn their lives around. It took him 12 years to leave the group, after he learned of the sexual practices and other abuse performed on members, he testified.

"It's a well-intended veneer that covers a horrible evil," an emotional Vicente said during the trial's third day in federal court in Brooklyn.

Raniere, 58, has pleaded not guilty to charges including sex trafficking and child pornography. He faces life in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors say women were blackmailed into having sex with Raniere and branded with his initials as part of a secret society within Nxivm called DOS, an acronym for a Latin phrase that roughly means "master of the obedient female companions."

Defense lawyer Marc Agnifilo has argued at the trial that members joined voluntarily and were never forced to do anything against their will.

Vicente said Nxivm President Nancy Salzman contacted him around 2005 after seeing a film he made about quantum physics and philosophy, saying she wanted to introduce him to Raniere.

That meeting led Vicente to begin his association with the group. He gave jurors a brief crash course on Nxivm, listing more than a dozen organizations and self-improvement programs under its umbrella that cost thousands of dollars.

A former Nxivm and DOS member who was only identified by her first name Sylvie on Wednesday told jurors she was recruited as a "slave" to another woman in the organization. Her "master" eventually ordered her to engage in sexual activity with Raniere, who also took nude photos of her, she said.

Sylvie said she felt she had to do what she was told, both because of years of psychological manipulation by Raniere and others, and because she had given her master compromising material that could be used to blackmail her.

Other individuals who say they were victims of the group are expected to testify. Five of Raniere's co-defendants, including Salzman, Seagram liquor heiress Clare Bronfman and former "Smallville" television actress Allison Mack, have pleaded guilty to related crimes.

Nxivm, which started under another name in 1998 and is pronounced "Nexium," was based in Albany, New York. **REUTERS**

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Former self-help guru Keith Raniere in courtroom sketch. **REUTERS**

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

This is to give notice that the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) intends to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the disposition of public housing property as authorized under Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (Section 18) and implementing regulations found in 24 CFR 970. The City of New York – Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) is serving as the Responsible Entity (RE) for NYCHA pursuant to the environmental review requirements found at 24 CFR Part 58. This document constitutes the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds from HUD.

Habitat Net Zero

Approval of the disposition of public housing property pursuant to Section 18 would facilitate the transfer of thirteen vacant single-family homes (the “project sites”) for the re-construction of (the “proposed project”) by the project sponsor, Habitat for Humanity-New York City (Habitat NYC). All thirteen properties are in Southeastern Queens New York City. Upon acquiring the vacant properties, Habitat NYC will oversee the construction activities and market the properties as affordable homeownership opportunities to low and moderate-income households. The project calls for the demolition of the thirteen vacant, fully-detached homes and in their place, construction of sixteen new units (three sites will be converted into two-family homes) using prefabricated construction designed to meet Passive House and Net Zero standards, the homes will be resold as affordable housing to families generally earning between 57% and 120% of area median income feasible only by using subsidy financing from City and State sources, and will include a preference for NYCHA residents. The project will be developed through New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s (HPD) Small Homes-Rehab NYCHA Program

It has been determined that the above-referenced project would not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the environment and accordingly, the City of New York has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for the decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

1. There would be no significant adverse physical impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project;
2. There would be no significant adverse social impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project; and
3. There would be no significant adverse economic impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with this project.

Intent to Request Release of Funds:

The activities proposed above required an environmental assessment, as identified in the HUD Environmental Regulations 24 CFR Part 58.36. The City of New York, acting through HPD, will certify to HUD in its request for release of funds that the City consents to accept jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that the responsibilities have been satisfied. HPD has certified that a site-specific environmental review for the project described above has been completed. The site-specific environmental review for the project has been conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

The environmental review record established for the project is on file at HPD, Office of Development, Building and Land Development Services - Environmental Planning, 100 Gold Street, Room 7A-4, New York, New York 10038. Comments and/or objections to the disposition/obligation of funds for the aforementioned project must be submitted to HPD electronically via email to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov or through the mail to the above address on or before the 15th day following the date of this notice. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Following the end of the 15-day comment period (no sooner than May 26, 2019), HPD intends to submit to HUD the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and Request for Release of Funds for this project.

Objections to Release of Funds:

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HPD; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Mr. Luigi D’Ancona, Director, Office of Public Housing at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Deadly Harlem fire caused by unattended stove

New information came to light following Wednesday’s tragic fire.



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The fire that killed a family of six in Harlem early Wednesday was caused by an unattended stove, and no smoke detector was found at the apartment, FDNY said Wednesday night.

Fire officials shared photographs from inside of the charred apartment inside the Frederick Samuel Houses, which is a city-owned building. The fire started at the stove, where something was being cooked, and spread to the rest of the apart-



Photos of the interior of the Harlem fire.

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ment, trapping family members in two rooms. The victims were identified as Andrea Pollidore, 45, her 33-year-old stepson Matt Abdularaph, and four of her children — Nakaira Pollidore,

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11, Andre Pollidore, 8, Brooklyn Pollidore, 6, and Elijah Pollidore, 3.

Andrea Pollidore is believed to have previously removed the apartment's smoke detectors, and may have fallen asleep while the stovetop burner was lit, according to the New York Post.

tempted to extinguish the flames for about an hour before they were able to get it under control. FDNY said it had 100 firefighters on the scene.

The family leaves behind Pollidore's 27-year-old daughter, Raven Reyes, who wasn't in the apartment when the

"It's horrible to look at, and as a father just thinking ... that [Tuesday] evening four children went to bed and they're gone now is very, very painful."

Mayor Bill De Blasio

NYCHA officials said the apartment's smoke alarm had been tested and was working in January. Neighbors said Andrea Pollidore was known to disable the smoke alarms while cooking, and no alarms were heard during Wednesday's blaze, the Post reported.

Fire officials responded to the fifth floor apartment around 1:40 a.m. Wednesday and at-

tempted to extinguish the flames for about an hour before they were able to get it under control. FDNY said it had 100 firefighters on the scene.

"I'm one of my mom's oldest kids. All my little brothers and sisters, my mom, and even my step brother passed away," Reyes told the Daily News. "They were all good people. My little brothers and sisters, they just were perfect. They were amazing.... It's still devastating. And to think,



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Following the tragedy, Mayor Bill de Blasio said, as a father, the family's death was painful.

"It's horrible to look at, and as a father just thinking ... that [Tuesday] evening four children went to bed and

they're gone now is very, very painful," de Blasio said.

Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro expressed the FDNY's grief over the loss of life.

"We're in the life-saving business and we take this very personally when we're unable to save this family."

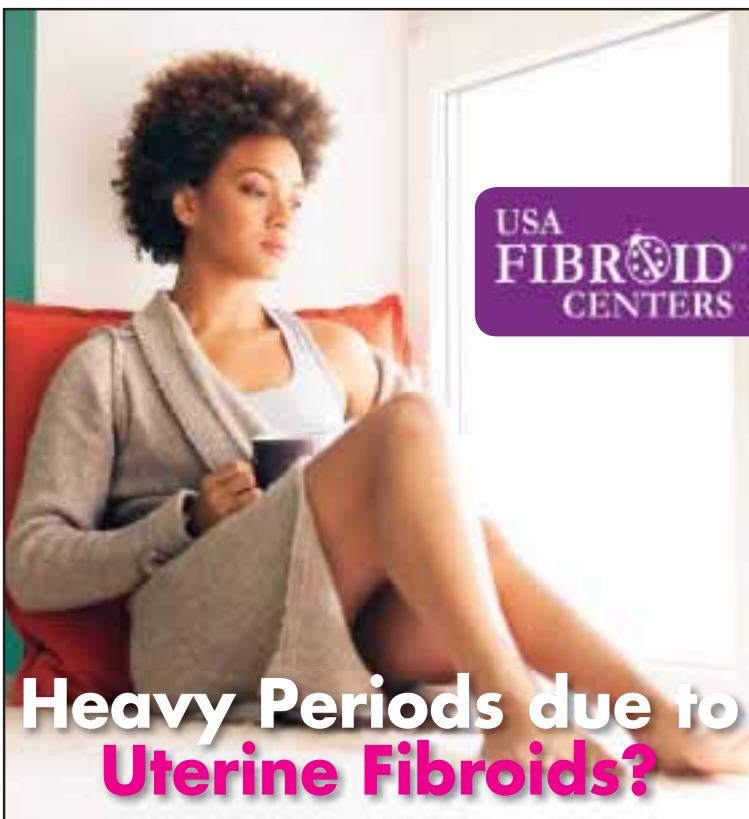


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Facebook rejects co-founder breakup plea, senator urges antitrust probe

Chris Hughes wrote that Mark Zuckerberg's power is "unprecedented and un-American."

Facebook quickly rejected a call from co-founder Chris Hughes on Thursday to split the world's largest social media company in three, while lawmakers urged the U.S. Justice Department to launch an antitrust investigation.

Facebook has been under scrutiny from regulators around the world over data sharing practices as well as hate speech and misinformation on its networks. Some U.S. lawmakers have also pushed for action to break up big tech companies as well as federal privacy regulation.

"We are a nation with a tradition of reining in monopolies, no matter how well-intentioned the leaders of these companies may be. Mark's power is unprecedented and un-American," Hughes, a former college roommate of Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, wrote in a lengthy New York Times opinion piece.

Facebook's social network has more than two billion users across the world. It also owns WhatsApp, Messenger and Instagram, each used

by more than one billion people. Facebook bought Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014.

Facebook rejected Hughes' call for WhatsApp and Instagram to be made into separate companies, and said the focus should instead be on regulating the internet. Zuckerberg will be in Paris on Friday to meet with French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss internet regulation.

"It's been 15 years since I co-founded Facebook at Harvard, and I haven't worked at the company in a decade. But I feel a sense of anger and responsibility."

Chris Hughes

"Facebook accepts that with success comes accountability. But you don't enforce accountability by calling for the break up of a successful American company," Facebook spokesman Nick Clegg said in a statement.

"Accountability of tech companies can only

be achieved through the painstaking introduction of new rules for the internet. That is exactly what Mark Zuckerberg has called for."

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat, told CNBC on Thursday he thinks Facebook needs to be broken up and that the Justice Department's antitrust division needs to begin an investigation.

Antitrust law makes such a proposal tough to execute because the government would have to take the company to court and win. It is rare to break up a company but not unheard of, with Standard Oil and AT&T being the two biggest examples.

Hughes co-founded Facebook in 2004 at Harvard with Zuckerberg and Dustin Moskovitz. He left Facebook in 2007, and has said in a LinkedIn post that he made half a billion dollars for his three years of work.

"It's been 15 years since I co-founded Facebook at Harvard, and I haven't worked at the company in a decade. But I feel a sense of anger and responsibility," Hughes said in the New York Times piece.

Hughes also suggested Zuckerberg should be held responsible for privacy and other lapses at the company. **REUTERS**



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Pisces Don't settle for less than what you want just because someone is playing mind games with you or taking advantage of your kindness and generosity. Do what works best for you. EUGENIA LAST

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Ryan Reynolds: *It's like 'Star Wars'*

Metro caught up with Ryan Reynolds in New York who told us about his experience interpreting this version of the famous videogame character, Pikachu, in Pokémon Detective Pikachu.

GABRIEL HUERTA, MWN

'Pokémon Detective Pikachu's' trailers make quite clear that this film will be a comedic action, although the last one released by

Ryan Reynolds (who gives voice and facial motion capture to the famous Pokémon) comes with a melodramatic touch. Called "What a Pikachu World" the clip shows us how the incredible world of Pokémon and some of the different creatures will look like in a very emotional atmosphere with Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" playing in the background.

The film directed by Rob Letterman and starring the man

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“ I think they hired me to do that to experiment and have fun with the character. To ensure that when Pikachu makes a joke it’s both funny for adults and children and really sharp. There are jokes for adults and children, so that people and families who go to see the film can have an amazing experience.”

behind Deadpool as Pikachu, along with Justice Smith, opens this week worldwide and Metro had the chance to speak with Reynolds about this new experience.

I am very excited and happy to see you as a Pokémon...
Finally! Dreams come true

How do you prepare to be a yellow, electric mouse? People usually go to source material, but this is totally different.

This is different, I wanted to delve into the world of Pokémon, which I did not know much about. I knew about Pokémon, of course, but not about the little details. And I really immersed myself and I’m really lucky to have this role in a universe that has been pre-established for over 20 years, but I had to do it on my own. So, we did motion capture, face capture with body capture and I had so much fun with that, every day that I got to do that was so exciting. A great experience. Now I want every film I make to be with motion capture.

This version of Pikachu is a bit cheeky, it really moves away from the video-games on which it is based. How much

of you is there in this character?

I would say a lot, I mean, I think they hired me to do that to experiment and have fun with the character. To ensure that when Pikachu makes a joke it’s both funny for adults and children and really sharp. There are jokes for adults and children, so that people and families who go to see the film can have an amazing experience.

The movie has been a success in reviews. That’s a very difficult thing when it comes to a movie

based on a video game.

I think the key is that no one who is involved in this entire project has considered it to be a video game film, but just a movie. So, I think that’s where the trap is to think, “what’s in the video game that can make sure you have the experience of the game,” but video games are interactive, you’re never going to reproduce the experience of a video game for anyone, and that’s the trap into which many fall. I noticed that on the second day of work, no one cared, everyone was focused on making the best movie, not making the best video game movie.

Would you come back to play another Pokémon movie, Pikachu or another Pokémon?

I would love it, I mean, what a job! Not only for me, but for my children. There are so many possibilities. It’s like Star Wars, I know it’s a big thing to say, but the different paths you can take in the Pokémon world has no limits, I’m excited.



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This Sunday is Mother's Day, and is there a better way to show your love and appreciation than taking her out for a delicious, or boozy, brunch? I mean, who doesn't like brunch? Here are three great options to celebrate with your mom this Sunday.

Patisserie Chanson

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sauce, espelette pepper and lime. This special meal includes a bread basket for the table with a choice of coffee or tea, and a choice of champagne, mimosa or bellini. While you're there, you should probably have some of their famous macarons for good measure.

Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Patisserie Chanson, 20 W. 23rd St., 929-423-8880 for reservations, patisseriechanson.com

OTTO Enoteca e Pizzeria

One thing that you need to remember about Mother's Day is that there really aren't any rules on what you should be eating for your celebratory brunch. This is a day where you should be doing whatever your mom is in the mood for. Having said that, eating delicious pizza is probably something she would barely have



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any issue with. OTTO Enoteca e Pizzeria, one of New York's most celebrated pizzerias, will be hosting a special Mother's Day brunch including Chef Gaetano Arnone's famous Ramp Pizza with crispy guanciale and egg, as

well as delicious Strawberry Granita Bellinis to wash it all down. Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., OTTO Enoteca e Pizzeria, 1 Fifth Avenue, 212-995-9559, ny.ottopizzeria.com

District Social

When people make plans for brunch, there is always a sizable contingent of those involved who view the food being served as sustenance in between boozy beverages. At Midtown's District Social, they will be serving their \$35 "Topsy Brunch" which



includes bottomless mimosas, Bloody Marys and select beers. To kick it up a notch, you

can choose the "Consultant's Brunch" for \$50 which includes cocktails, premium Bloody Marys, and some of their special craft beers. And if you need something substantial in your belly, Chef Harrison Mosher will be curating a special menu for the occasion including a shakshuka, grilled salmon, and the "District Omelette" with iberico chorizo, arctic chokes, kale, avocado, gruyere and sesame.

In preparation for the penultimate episode of "Game of Thrones," District Social will also be serving a special smoky cocktail, with mezcal, dragon fruit and prosecco, to pay respects to "The Mother of Dragons" the Dracarys, which means "dragon fire" in Valyrian. Brunch will be served all day, District Social, 252 W. 37th St., 212-994-9599 for reservations, districtsocialnyc.com
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Take a stroll of the 'John Wick' assassin hotel with 'The Continental Experience'



This free immersive pop-up will be open to guests one day only — TODAY! PAT KING

"John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum" doesn't open in theaters until next Friday, but that doesn't mean you will have to wait until then to dive back into his dark world of crime and contract killers just trying to make a living. For today only, fans of the film can spend an hour on the set of the film's famous assassin's hotel, The Continental, in Brooklyn.

The event, dubbed "The Continental Experience," will be a one-of-a-kind immersive experience that will transport fans to the actual filming location of the new film where John must seek refuge from those looking to collect the price on his head. Hotel staff and characters will interact with each other as you tour the hotel. Prizes will be given out to fans during the all-

day event and those who attend should keep their eyes peeled for special guests throughout their visit.

Who knows, maybe you can be a fly on the wall to hear Keanu Reeves talk about how he's "back" and he could actually be referencing the neighborhood and not returning to fighting bad guys?

Even though the event is free, entry will be granted on a first come, first served basis. In order to attend, make sure to

register online with your email address to get on the list. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so make sure you make your arrangements early on to gain "passage" into the hotel before the rest of the Wick-heads of the world get ahead of you in line.

"The Continental Experience" will take place today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at One Hanson Place in Brooklyn. RSVP at johnwick.movie/thecontinental.

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Yusei Kikuchi was shown with a brown, foreign substance beneath the bill of his cap. GETTY IMAGES

KIKUCHI, PINE TAR INCIDENT PROVING MLB IS STILL OK WITH CHEATING

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Seattle Mariners rookie pitcher Yusei Kikuchi continues to find his footing in Major League Baseball after coming over from Japan this winter.

The 27-year-old left-hander made mincemeat out of the New York Yankees in the Bronx during a 10-1 victory, allowing just one run on three hits in 7.2 innings.

He held New York hitless for 5.1 of those frames as his crafty style of pitching seemed to stymie and befuddle the Yankees throughout the night.

Kikuchi made his name with the Saitama Seibu Lions of the Nippon Professional Baseball's Pacific League thanks to a hitch-filled delivery that throws the opposing batter's timing off.

Couple that with his ability to deliver all of his pitches — ranging

from a 93-mile-per-hour fastball to a 74-mile-per-hour curveball — with an identical arm angle, and it's understandable why the Mariners inked him to a three-year, \$43 million deal.

On Wednesday night in the Bronx, though, Kikuchi looked as though he brought some added firepower to his pitching arsenal.

Television cameras caught a glimpse of a foreign substance, believed to be pine tar, on the inside of Kikuchi's hat brim during the eighth inning. The hurler was seen constantly adjusting his hat, submerging his thumb in the brown, glistening pool atop his brow.

Busted. Right?

According to Rule 6.02(c)(4) in Major League Baseball's rulebook: "The pitcher shall not apply a foreign substance of any kind to the ball. Violation of that rule calls for immediate ejection and a 10-game suspension.

Applying a foreign substance to a baseball, or doctoring it, alters the aerodynamics of a pitch.

It gives the pitcher an unfair advantage in that it further deceives the batter's eye.

During baseball's earliest days, pitcher's utilized the spitball to do so until the pitch was outlawed in 1920. Pitchers worked to get around that by bringing in pine tar or using files to scuff the ball.

Scuffing the ball affects the ball's flight on its way to the batter in that it promotes movement in unnatural, even opposite, directions.

Pine tar and other substances like Vaseline or even shaving cream, allows pitchers to put more spin on the ball, allowing them to either throw faster or induce more movement.

Yankees fans saw this happen to one of their own five years ago when Michael Pineda was busted for having pine tar on his neck at Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox. He was apprehended, ejected, and suspended.

Word got out to Yankees fans in the bleachers on Wednesday night as they implored umpire

Angel Hernandez to check on Kikuchi.

Given today's technological advancements and the ease of information getting down to the dugout, one would think Yankees manager Aaron Boone would have stepped up and said something.

After all, it was Boone who spotted the pine tar on Pineda's neck half-a-decade ago when he was working as an analyst for ESPN.

Yet, nothing happened. Kikuchi stayed on until he gave up a single to Mike Tauchman with two outs in the eighth and he was off the hook.

"I was aware of it very late," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I was made aware of it sometime in the eighth inning there, so I'll take a look at it and we'll kind of see what we make of it."

Either Boone is telling the truth or he's just pandering to baseball's well-known secret: Pitchers can doctor a baseball as long as it's subtle enough.

I'd put my money on the latter, especially giv-

ing his players' reactions following the game.

"A lot of guys use stuff," first baseman Luke Voit said.

"I could care less," left fielder Cameron Maybin said.

"He had stuff on his hat? That's not my zone," catcher Austin Romine said. "I don't talk about that kind of stuff. There are other people that take care of that."

It sure seems like this is a pretty common occurrence.

Earlier this year, Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard was seen rubbing his two fingers on the heel of his glove before rubbing up a baseball against the Phillies. While some called him out, the issue was quickly dropped.

So is the theme throughout baseball history as some of the game's best have done it.

Whitey Ford had his catcher, Elston Howard, scuff the ball up for him. Gaylord Perry's autobiography was titled "Me and the Spitter." Jim Palmer revealed that Don Sutton taught him how to scuff a baseball up.

While Palmer was never accused of doctoring a baseball, all four pitchers are in the Hall of Fame.

And those are just a few instances.

Doctoring pitches will always be Major League Baseball's dirty little secret that, for some reason, will never be fully policed. Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium further proved that and Boone's silence on the matter suggests that his pitching staff is just as guilty as the rest of the league.

It makes little sense as to why the league isn't more vigilant about this matter. As commissioner Rob Manfred continues to look for ways to make the game more appealing to the next generation of fans, taking away a huge advantage "illegally" obtained by pitchers will only result in more offense.

But the league remains archaically mysterious as some cheating seems to be more tolerable than other types.

Delving into steroids though will be another column for another day.

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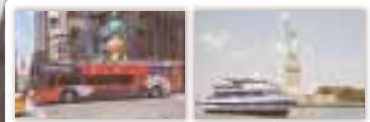
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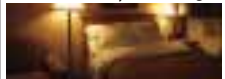
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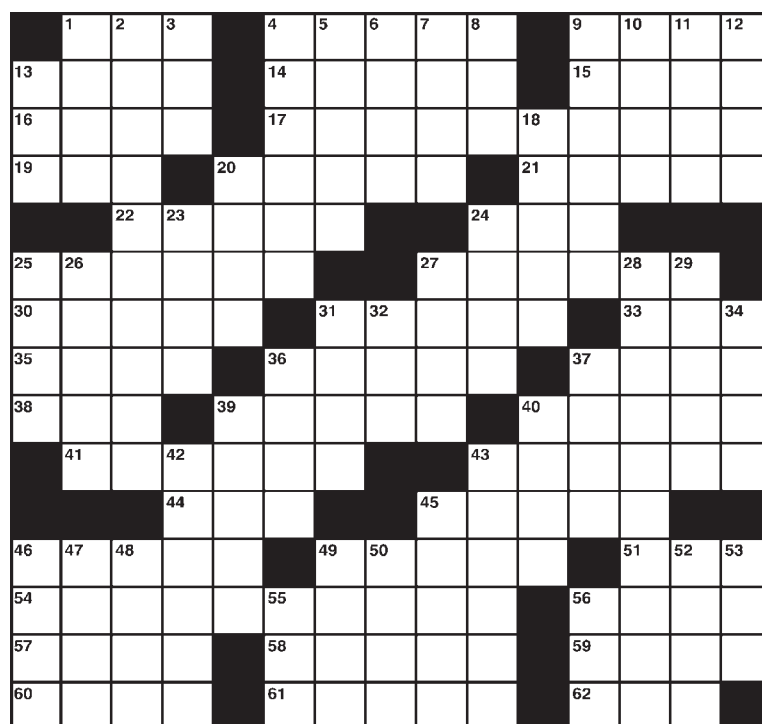
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4 Rascal
9 "___ of luck!"
13 Hoodwink
14 One and two
15 Pearl Harbor's location
16 Singles
17 Arrested after escaping
19 Sault __, Marie
20 Banquet
21 Hemingway's "The Sun Also ___"
22 Like fresh potato chips
24 Kourtney, to Khloe & Kim
25 Can't stand
27 Summarizes
30 Leaves suddenly
31 Practical joke
33 Maroon or ruby
35 Reclines
36 Liquid
37 Paper towel brand
38 Suffix for baron or host
39 Circular
40 Romeo

- 41 Prose compositions
43 Word of warning
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61 Michelob's & Bud Lights
62 Jazz guitarist Montgomery

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- 1 Female relative
2 Tongue-tied
3 "___ Just Not That Into You"; Ben Affleck film
4 Emotional tension
5 Inexpensive
6 Circle portions
7 Veal or venison
8 Get-up-and-go
9 ___ May Alcott
10 Doesn't have both ___ in the water
11 "How do I love ___? Let me count..."
12 Bubble bath foam
13 Uno, __, tres...
18 "___ or treat!"
20 Evergreens
23 Goes bad
24 "___ in the Clowns"
25 Qualified
26 U.S. state capital
27 Bug spray
28 Sleuth
29 Cut off
31 Adder's sign
32 Gallop
34 Show boldness
36 Racer A.J.
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39 Like umbrella weather
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42 Beach souvenirs
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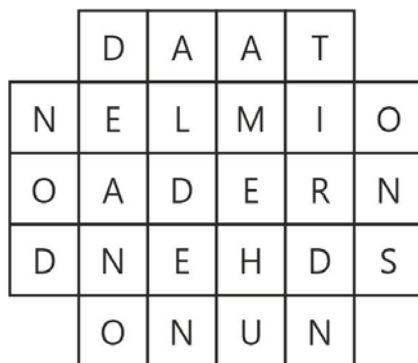
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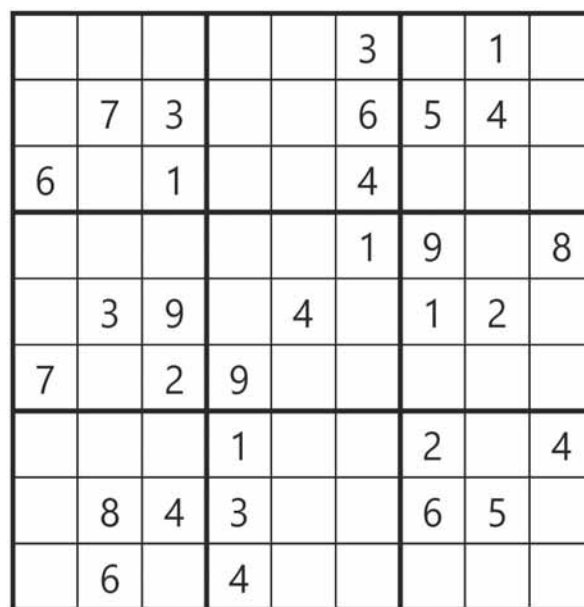
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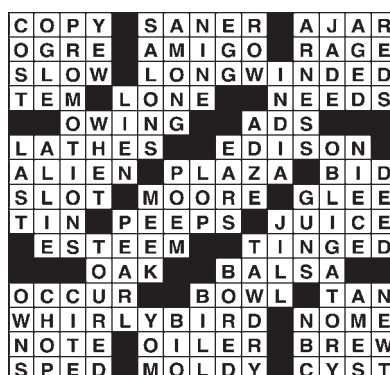
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